RESOLUTION NO. 06-342

A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF WICHITA IS CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE DOUGLAS AND HILLSIDE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER AUTHORITY OF K.S.A. 12-1770 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1770, et seq., as amended, set forth the procedure for the establishment of a redevelopment district for certain purposes in eligible areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita (the "City") is considering the establishment of a redevelopment district in a conservation area to be known as the "Douglas and Hillside Redevelopment District" to promote the general and economic welfare of the City and the former enterprise zone area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS;

- Section 1. That the City is considering the establishment of a redevelopment district to be known as the Douglas and Hillside Redevelopment District.
- Section 2. That the City will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of such redevelopment district on July 11, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 455 North Main Street, Wichita, Kansas.
- Section 3. That the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment district are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
- Section 4. That the redevelopment district plan identifying proposed redevelopment project areas along with a general description of the buildings, facilities, and improvements that are proposed to be constructed or improved in the redevelopment district is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
- Section 5. That a description and map of the proposed redevelopment district shall be available for inspection by the public in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 13th Floor, 455 North Main Street, Wichita, Kansas, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from the 7th of June, 2006, until July 10, 2006.

Section 6. That the Governing Body will consider making findings necessary for the establishment of a redevelopment district at the public hearing set to be heard herein.

Section 7. That a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners, and to the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259. Copies of this resolution shall also be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each owner and occupant of land within the proposed redevelopment district not more than ten (10) days following the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Section 8. That this resolution shall be published once in the official City newspaper not less than one week or more than two weeks preceding the date fixed for the public hearing. A sketch clearly delineating the proposed redevelopment district in sufficient detail to advise the reader of the particular land proposed to be included within the redevelopment district shall be published with the resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, this 6th day of June, 2006.

	Carlos Mayans, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Karen Sublett, City Clerk	
Approved as to Form:	
Gary E. Rebenstorf, City Attorney	

EXHIBIT A – ATTACHED with this E-M.

EXHIBIT B

REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE

DOUGLAS & HILLSIDE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

JUNE 6, 2006

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

A district plan is required for inclusion in the establishment of a redevelopment district under K.S.A. 12-1771. The district plan is a preliminary plan that identifies proposed redevelopment project areas within the district, and describes in a general manner the buildings, facilities and improvements to be constructed or improved.

SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION OF TAX INCREMENT INCOME

Projects financed through tax increment financing typically involve the creation of an "increment" in real estate property tax income. The increment is generated by segregating the assessed values of real property located within a defined geographic area such that a portion of the resulting property taxes flow to the City to fund projects in the redevelopment district, and the remaining portion flows to all remaining taxing jurisdictions. The portion of property taxes flowing to the City is determined by the increase in the assessed value of the properties within the redevelopment district as a result of the new development occurring within the same area. When the current aggregate property tax rates of all taxing jurisdictions are applied to this increase in assessed property value from new development, increment income is generated. Public improvements within the district and other qualified expenditures are funded by the City and repaid over a specified period of time with this increment income. The property taxes attributable to the assessed value existing prior to redevelopment, the "original valuation," continue to flow to all taxing jurisdictions just as they did prior to redevelopment. This condition continues for the duration of the established district, as defined by statute, or until all eligible project costs are funded, whichever is of shorter duration.

SECTION 3: BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The proposed redevelopment district is located within the city limits of Wichita, Kansas. The district is bounded on the south by Douglas Avenue, on the west by Hillside Avenue, on the north by 1st Street North and includes property adjacent to Rutan Avenue on the east (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto). The district includes several smaller commercial retail stores, medical office buildings and a drive-in restaurant, located mainly along Douglas and Hillside Avenues, and some older single-family residential homes located mainly on Victor and First Street. Until it was recently demolished, it also included a high-rise office building at Douglas and Rutan that served as the original location of the Wichita Clinic and later as the regional offices of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services.

The proposed redevelopment district is an area that meets the criteria for designation as a "conservation area" as defined by state law governing the establishment and financing of redevelopment districts. Property located within conservation areas are legally eligible for establishment of a redevelopment district.

SECTION 4: REDEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT AREAS

It is anticipated that the portion of the redevelopment district that was once occupied by the Wichita Clinic/SRS building and parking lots, and certain other adjacent property, will be designated as the "project area" under the redevelopment project plan, which must be adopted by the City Council by a 2/3 majority vote before the expenditure of any tax increment financing funds. The plans for redevelopment of the project area generally calls for construction of a high-rise apartment/condo building with an attached parking structure, brownstone-type town homes and retail space.

Tax increment financing may be used to pay for the purchase of real estate and site preparation including the demolition of structures and utility relocations, as well as on public infrastructure improvements, such as streetscape, public parking, utility extensions, landscaping and public plazas. Tax increment financing may not be used for construction of any buildings owned by or leased to a private, nongovernmental entity.

SECTION 5: CONCLUSION

After the establishment of the redevelopment district, any redevelopment projects to be funded with tax increment financing will be presented to the Governing Body for approval through the adoption of a Redevelopment Project Plan. The Project Plan will identify the specific project area located within the established tax increment financing district and will include detailed descriptions of the projects as well as a financial feasibility study showing that the economic benefits out-weight the costs. The Project Plan must be reviewed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission and submitted to a public hearing following further notification of property owners and occupants, before it can be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Governing Body. Only then can tax increment income be spent on the redevelopment projects.

Tax increment financing does not impose any additional taxes on property located within the redevelopment district. All property within the district is appraised and taxed the same as any other property. However, if property within the district increases in value as a result of redevelopment, the resulting increment of additional tax revenue is diverted to pay for a portion of the redevelopment costs.

